Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), Gopalpur (Orissa), Hassan (Karnataka) and Jodhpur (Rajasthan) have made substantial progress and sizeable area of land is in possession of the implementing agencies.

Import of Indian Mangoes by China

2242. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has shown interest in importing Indian mangoes;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been reached for export of mangoes to China; and

(c) if so, the estimated quantity of mangoes to be exported to China and the estimate of foreign exchange to be earned from this export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The People's Republic of China signed a protocol with the Government of India on Phyto Sanitary requirement for exporting mangoes from India to China.

(c) It is premature to make an estimate of export of mangoes to China at this stage.

Automobile Export and Import

2243. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the automobile exports made by India during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of the automobile parts exported by India during the above period, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the export of commercial, utility and multipurpose vehicles declined during the last year;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to increase the export of commercial, utility and multipurpose vehicles to other parts of the world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The value of export of Automobiles and Automobile parts during the last three years is as under:

(*Value in Rs. Crores*)

Name of the Commodity	Year		
	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03*
Automobiles	1659.64	1427.64	2113.27
Automobile parts	1839.10	1938.56	2066.56

*April 2002-February '03 Source: EEPC

(c) and (d) Export of automobiles (commercial, utility and multipurpose vehicles) has increased during the year 2002-03 (April-February) in comparison with that of last year.

(e) Export of all products including those of the commercial, utility and multipurpose vehicles are supported by the Government through various schemes namely; Duty Exemption Scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme, Duty Drawback Scheme and Market Development Assistance Scheme.

Tasks Force for restructuring of Sea Food Industry

2244. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sea food industry has approached his Ministry with a request to set up a Task force to study the restructuring proposal submitted by it;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals; and

(c) the action contemplated by his Ministry thereon?